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Situation Report Tornado Outbreak Flash Report January 8, 2008, 7 am

Please Note: This is a flash report and subject to change as more information becomes available and is confirmed by local authorities.

SUMMARY

A cold frontal boundary that is stretching from the Canadian Maritimes to the Gulf of Mexico is slowly pushing across the State of Missouri. Clashing with the unusually warm moist air, it has generated several lines of powerful thunderstorms that have lightening, large hail and devastating tornadoes. These storms have killed at least two Missourians and a reported number of injuries is climbing toward thirty. Many homes have been destroyed or damaged and some jurisdictions have opened shelters.

County Reports:

Barry County – No deaths, Two minor injuries. Mobile Home Park was destroyed in Purdy. They have opened two shelters but no one has used this resource. Reported flooding in or near Cassville.

Greene County – One confirmed death and 10 estimated injuries. City of Springfield reports 13 buildings with severe damage and/or destroyed in downtown Springfield along or near the Chestnut Expressway and College area. Strafford suffered at least 30 homes destroyed. . At least 30 homes destroyed in Republic. One shelter open in Strafford with a population of 15-20.

Laclede County – Damage heavy in Conway. Several people injured critically. Lots of agricultural and livestock damage. 15-20 homes destroyed. 12 reported injuries. City of Lebanon has reported loss of power, but is expected to be back up later this morning.

McDonald County – Roads blocked by flooding in and around Noel.

Phelps County – 40 homes reported damaged. 8-10 outbuildings and about 40 head of cattle killed most of this around the Dixon area. Shelter has been established.

Pulaski County – Tornado touched down east of Dixon. Five critical injuries were taken to Phelps County Memorial Hospital. Their home was a total lost. Some reports of localized flooding.

Webster County – One fatality confirmed at this time and about six injuries, of which 3 are considered critical. 6 homes confirmed destroyed and 50 homes damaged primarily in Marshfield. At least three tornadoes have been confirmed as touching down in the northern part of the county. Localized flash flooding has been reported.. A shelter has been opened in Marshfield. No requests for assistance at this time.

Weather

National Weather Service indicates another line of storms will advance across Missouri early morning. This line of thunderstorms may also produce heavy winds, hail and possibly tornado activity. There is the possibility of wintry mix following passage of the cold front to the southeast.

State Agencies

SEOC Activated to Level One and will be collecting damage assessment information to help support local jurisdictions.

Missouri State Highway Patrol – Dispatched officers throughout Troop D and Troop I for assistance to local jurisdictions.

Missouri State Water Patrol - Sent three officers to Conway, Missouri to assist local officials. Sent an additional officer to Purdy (Barry County) to assist local officials.

Missouri Information Analysis Center – Ramped up and provided overnight situational reports to key Missouri officials.

Non Government Organizations/Volunteer Organizations:

AmeriCorps has 25-28 people staged in Southwest Missouri with chainsaws, etc. to assist in debris clearance.

American Red Cross is coordinating shelter service throughout the State.

Point of Contact:

The State Emergency Management Agency can be contacted at 573-526-9100 from 730am-430pm, Mon-Fri. After hours emergency calls can be made to the SEMA Duty Officer at 573-751-2748.